

Nine of Eleven New Nationals Are Pitchers • Rallies in Ninth Tell in Three Major Games

LOCAL FANS WILL SEE HALF DOZEN NEW MEN

Phillips of New Orleans Latest Acquisition. Woodward Reports; Turk and Goslin Due. Griffis Play Red Sox Today.

BY DENMAN THOMPSON.

EXCEEDING in interest the accomplishments of the Nationals during what remains of the base ball season will be the showing made by the young talent acquired from bush leagues and colleges by Joe Engel and Clark Griffith in the role of scouts, through the numerous "listening posts" in the employ of the Washington club in all sections of the country.

All told, eleven athletes absolutely new to local fans have been picked up, and proof that the management is well aware wherein the club most needs strengthening is evidenced by the fact that all save two of the recruits are pitchers.

The list includes three southpaws—Joe "Dodo" Bird of Shreveport, Texas; Ray Francis of Seattle, Pacific Coast League, and Herman "Sandy" Shore of Guilford College, North Carolina, and the right-handers are Frank Woodward of New Haven, Eastern League; N. L. Turk of Columbia, South Atlantic League; "Dangerous Dan" McGraw of Galveston, Texas; John L. Burdette of Boyds, Montgomery County League; Dumas, Elias McElree of the Virginia Minn., Independents, and Tom Phillips of New Orleans, Southern Association, whose acquisition by the Nationals has just been announced.

Phillips Shines in Southern. Phillips has proved to be the most successful hurler in the Southern Association this season, with twenty-five victories to his credit. This within one of the record for wins in that circuit, and Phillips, who is due here Sunday, is being reported by the manager, Dubs of the Pelicans, as anxious to give his big finger a chance to the league mark.

Phillips had a trial with Cleveland some three years ago, but was sent back for further seasoning, lack of control being his weak point that time. Whether Phillips can make the grade in fast company is problematical. It may be significant that the Indians, who have a working arrangement with the Pelicans whereby they get the cream of the New Orleans club, have permitted Phillips to stay away, and no team is more acutely in need of box talent right now than the Tribe, which is fighting for another pennant.

Goslin and Bluege Included. There are other players, such as Eddie Goebel, the outfielder, who has made a good record with Reading of the International League, who have been glimpsed by capital fan and will be given another inspection at Tampa next spring, but aside from the hurlers mentioned, only players whose forms will not be recognized by followers of the Nationals are Shortstop Elmer Smith of Peoria, Three-Eye League, and Outfielder Goslin of Columbia, South Atlantic League.

The season adjudget to have the best chance of making good in fast company right off the reel are said by coast critics to be ripe for graduation to the big leagues and McGraw, who powers into the air some six and a half feet and weighs more than 200 pounds, is said to possess so good a stuff that he may come to bat earlier than usually is the case, although, through lack of experience he may be regarded as being about a year "away."

Four Not Coming Now. Neither Bird, McGraw, Francis nor Bluege is available for duty at the moment, so that first-hand information regarding their prowess will not be forthcoming until the athletes appear in Philadelphia next spring for preliminary training. Shore is working out with the team now, but, not having finished his studies, he is under contract and is ineligible for service. Woodward already has reported to the manager, and is expected to be on the job today, as is McElree, while Turk and Goslin are due to report tomorrow.

How much opportunity Washington fans will be given to see the youngsters now here or en route is a question.

NEW TALENT ALONE CAN SAVE BOXING—RICKARD

NEW YORK, September 9.—New material must be found if boxing is to remain popular, Promoter Tex Rickard declared today, adding that the day of the mammoth purse and bankrupting sale prices is passing. "Provision must be made for replacement material," he asserted. "I am convinced that the public is tired of seeing the same boxers competing time and again."

With this idea in mind, Rickard is planning to increase the number of amateur bouts to be staged at Madison Square Garden this winter, and he hopes to develop one or more prospective candidates in each weight class with championship possibilities. While boxing bouts will be held in the local arena at least once a week after September 23, few bouts have as yet been arranged, and no special efforts will be made by the promoter to card prominent boxers in any particular class.

"Recent experiences and observations have led me to believe that the public wants new figures in the ring," said Rickard. "With a few exceptions the champions and their nearest rivals have met several times, and the results of these contests have not always proved satisfactory. In some cases the bouts have had the appearance of being a routine affair. New and ambitious candidates for titles are needed to liven up the sport."

Day of Big Purse Past. "Although the average champion fails to realize it, the day of the mammoth purse and the super-priced seat in boxing is past. The public has not the money to spend that it had two years ago, and prices in sport must fall as in other lines of luxuries and necessities."

"I have no particular star bouts in mind at present, but hope to use Carpentier, Dempsey, Willard, Tom Gibbons and others during the next twelve months if reasonable financial terms can be reached. I have received a letter from Willard stating that he has started training, but will require at least six months of work before he makes his attempt to regain the heavyweight title. That probably means that he will not box in a championship match before next summer."

MAT MATCH AT HOWARD. Howard Manley, heavyweight champion of the colored Y. M. C. A., and Oscar Butler of Richmond, Va., will wrestle for the southern title tonight at the midnight performance at the Howard Theater. Oscar Blue and Kermit Ross will be opponents in a preliminary.

Used Cars. The Automobile For Sale columns of The Star are the quickest and most economical method for the disposition of your used car and the best market for the purchase of a desirable car.

Oeschger of Braves Fans Trio on 9 Pitched Balls
BOSTON, September 8.—Joe Oeschger, hurler for the Braves, contributed a pitching performance yesterday that combined a maximum of efficiency with a minimum of effort. He struck out three men on nine pitched balls.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE WINNER, LANDIS RULES
PORTSMOUTH, Va., September 9.—High Commissioner of Base Ball K. M. Landis today reversed the decision of the directors of the Virginia League awarding the first half pennant to Rocky Mount, ruling that the Portsmouth Club was entitled to first half honors.

The dispute settled today by Commissioner Landis grew out of charges and counter charges of violations of the salaries of players prescribed by the league constitution. The two clubs most affected by the ruling, Rocky Mount and Wilson, admitted at a session of the directors of the league that they were over the salary limit. These confessions, together with other data bearing on the case, were forwarded to Commissioner Landis by owners of the Portsmouth and Newport News clubs, with a petition for a final decision.

The appeal to Commissioner Landis followed a hearing before M. H. Sexton, president of the National Association of Professional Minor Leagues, in which Mr. Sexton declared that it appeared to him that there had been "cheating," but advised the directors to settle the matter among themselves.

The clubs which were over the salary limit in the first half are now within the margin prescribed by the league constitution.

SERIES TO DECIDE TITLE OF MICHIGAN-ONTARIO
DETROIT, Mich., September 9.—A series to decide the base ball championship of Michigan and Ontario will be played between pennant winners in the Central and Michigan-Ontario leagues, President George H. Maines of the M.-O. League having announced here today he had accepted a proposal made by Emerson W. Dickerson, president of the Central League, to play a series of three games.

Ludington, Mich., winner of the Central League pennant, will meet either Ely City, Mich., or London, Ontario, now contesting for the Michigan-Ontario League flag.

The contest will be held under world-series rules, with M. H. Sexton of Rock Island, Ill., president of the leagues, in charge of arrangements.

Elliott Joins Cubs.
CHICAGO, September 9.—Carter Ward Elliott, shortstop from the Yakima, Wash., club, joined the Chicago Nationals today. Elliott played the infield with the Sacramento club in 1918 and 1919 and last summer was a member of the Victoria, B. C., club.

What May Happen in Base Ball Today

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
New York..... 52 40 628 629 621
Cleveland..... 51 41 617 620 618
St. Louis..... 50 42 616 619 617
Washington..... 49 43 615 618 616
Detroit..... 48 44 614 617 615
Philadelphia..... 47 45 613 616 614

GAMES TODAY.
Boston at Wash.
Detroit at Cleveland.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
New York at Phila.

Results of Yesterday's Games.
Philadelphia, 8-2; New York, 4-1.
Detroit, 7-1; St. Louis, 1.
St. Louis, 4; Chicago, 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Pittsburgh..... 51 41 611 612 611
New York..... 50 42 610 611 610
St. Louis..... 49 43 609 610 609
Cincinnati..... 48 44 608 609 608
Philadelphia..... 47 45 607 608 607

GAMES TODAY.
Chicago at Pittsburgh.
Phila. at Boston.
Brooklyn at New York.
St. L. at Cincinnati.

Results of Yesterday's Games.
Philadelphia, 8-2; Boston, 6-13.
Chicago, 6-13; Cincinnati, 2.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE.
Torburo, 12; Newport News, 4.
Suffolk, 3; Norfolk, 0.
Rocky Mount, 8; Portsmouth, 4.

PIEDMONT LEAGUE.
Raleigh, 4; Greensboro, 2.
Danville, 17; High Point, 16.
Durham, 9; Winston-Salem, 6.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.
Little Rock, 0; Birmingham, 0 (6 innings).
Memphis, 4; Nashville, 0.
Knoxville, 2; Mobile, 1.
New Orleans, 7; Chattanooga, 3.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.
Spartanburg, 6; Augusta, 5.
Columbia, 10; Charlotte, 9.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.
Newark, 12-3; Jersey City, 5-2.
Syracuse, 0; Buffalo, 0.
Reading, 4; Baltimore, 0.
Rochester, 5; Toronto, 3.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Toledo, 7; Louisville, 5.
Indianapolis, 6-4; Columbus, 8-7.
Knoxville, 10-1; Evansville, 3.
Minneapolis, 10-8; Milwaukee, 9-7.

London Bouts for Mike.
ST. PAUL, September 9.—A series of bouts for Mike Gibbons, St. Paul middleweight boxer, to be held at Albert Hall, London, in November, has been arranged.

The Thrill That Comes Once in a Lifetime.

—By Webster



AZTECS MUST BATTLE FOR JUNIOR NINE TITLE

AZTEC ATHLETIC CLUB, best of the teams that fought their way through section A, is not going to find the path so rosy when it encounters the section B winner in the finals for the District junior base ball championship. Both the Roamers and Renocs, who are playing this afternoon to determine the leading team of their group, are sturdy outfits and capable of making matters interesting for the Southwest Indians. The Aztecs will meet the winner of today's battle at Washington barracks tomorrow afternoon and again on Monday on the Union Station plaza.

The Roamers have in Brayton, Tech High School boy, an excellent pitcher, and the team during the preliminary series batted well. They suffered but one defeat and that at the hands of the Renocs. The latter club has three good hurlers in Brinkman, Griffith and Winn, but the first named, a Central League pitcher, probably is the best. Renocs did about the heaviest hitting of any team in section B, but its victory during the series resulted in a crushing defeat by the Hilltops.

In the unlimited division championship tournament yesterday, the Gibraltar, champions of section A, overcame the Winstons, section C leaders, in a 4-1 contest. Coy was hit hard and was poorly supported, while Ballenger did not permit the Winstons any liberties until the last inning.

Tygers Grab Boone.
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., September 9.—President Strang Nicklin, of the Chattanooga Southern Association club, has sold Pitcher J. A. (Dan) Boone to the Detroit American League club, to report at the close of the Southern Association season.

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ELKS NEAR-WINNERS IN LEAGUE TOURNEY

Elks, champions of the Fraternal League, can clinch honors in Section A of the District Interleague section base ball tournament tomorrow by defeating Naval Air Station, leading nine of the Potomac League. These nine are to play on the Union Station Young Men's Christian Association field, and the Elks will enter the fray with six victories and no defeats as their record for the series.

Each of the other teams striving for the title has lost two engagements of its eight-game schedule. The Elks registered their sixth win yesterday at the expense of the Adjutant General's of the War League, in a 4 to 0 game. The losers were unable to make a hit off Owen and Patterson and only three reached first base. O'Brien and Hennessy were slammed for fifteen safeties by the Elks.

In Section C the leading Navy Yard team, representing the Government League, fared better. The Navy Yarders won yesterday at the expense of the Store of the Merchants' League, 5 to 4. Roche allowed the Navy Yarders only three hits, but his support was lacking in the third inning when the Gunmakers made all their tallies.

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YANKS, INDIANS, BRAVES, BEATEN IN FINAL ROUND

THREE games were won by ninth-inning rallies yesterday in the major leagues. In the American League, the tail-end Athletics chased the tying and winning runs across in the final session to take the measure of the circuit-leading Yankees, and the Browns' late effort beat the White Sox. The Phils in their last turn at bat downed the Braves in the first game of a double-header in the National League, but the Boston crew triumphed in the second engagement. The Cubs vanquished the Reds and the Indians, in a game with the Tigers, suffered their worst defeat of the season.

The Mackes drubbed the Yankees, 6 to 5, when they scored twice in the ninth. Johnson, a pinch hitter, delivered the blow that won the game. Rommel allowed the Yanks few hits, but he was wild all the way. He gave three successive passes in the third inning that helped the New Yorkers to a trio of tallies.

The Browns stopped the White Sox, 4 to 3, after the latter had played under a three-run lead from the first inning. Sheely's homer with two on gave the White Sox their runs against Rayne. Five double plays, four of them by the losers, were executed. Tobin, the Browns' right fielder, had a perfect batting average with three hits.

Indian Pitchers Fought. The Indians were unable to gain on the Yankees in the race for the pennant. The Indians' pitcher, Ruth, gained No. 53 off Ed last year on September 27, at which time he got No. 52 also. Yesterday's hit came in the fourth inning, with one on. Babe has twenty-three more games in which to tie and surpass his 1920 record of fifty-four homers.

Rommel Again Gives No. 53

Base ball history repeated itself yesterday upon the occasion of Babe Ruth's fifty-third circuit clout of the season, for Ed Rommel of the Athletics was pitching. Ruth gained No. 53 off Ed last year on September 27, at which time he got No. 52 also. Yesterday's hit came in the fourth inning, with one on. Babe has twenty-three more games in which to tie and surpass his 1920 record of fifty-four homers.

INDEPENDENT NINES. Westover Athletic Club will meet the nine representing the Bureau of Audits and Accounts of the Shipping Board at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon on Monument lot diagonally between the Knickerbocker and Olympia Hollow Sunday.

Commerce blanked the Department of Justice in a 12-to-0 encounter. Besaw, in the six innings he pitched, granted justice but one hit. Roche also hurled well for the winners. Rhinebold got a homer, a triple and a double in three times at bat.

Old Dutch Market. The Peoples Drug Store will play at Union Park Sunday morning. The game will start at 10:30 o'clock.

Four games will be played Sunday in the Arlington county (Va.) championship series. Glen Carlyn will host Clarendon, the Capreos will be at Cherrydale, Arlington goes to Ballston and Del Ray will entertain Falls Church.

LEAGUE SERIES.

SECTION A.

SECTION C.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.

TOMORROW'S GAME.

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TODAY'S GAME.

Cardinals Sign Kid Star

MARYSVILLE, Pa., September 9.—Fred Frankhouse, star pitcher of the West End base ball team, has been signed by the St. Louis Nationals. He is eighteen years old and was a big factor in winning the Dauphin-Perry league championship for Roy Rortal the last two years.

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